(a) whether Government have conducted a study for the reserved seats of Lok Sabha, State Assembly and Rajya Sabha as per the population of State after the creation of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Assembly, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha seats togetherwith the names of constituencies that have been decided to be kept reserved for the candidates belonging to SC / ST and Other Backward Classes; and

(d) whether the number of reserved seats are proposed to be increased keeping in view the population of SCs/ STs and Other Backward Classes in the State[9]

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Election Commission has informed that as per the provisions of section 17 the Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000, the delimitation of constituencies and review of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh has not yet been taken up by it. There is no provision in the Constitution for reservation of seats in the Council of States as also for Other Backward Classes in the Legislative Assemblies and the House of the People.

(d) The Constitution (Ninety-first Amendment) Bill, 2000 introduced in the Lok Sabha on 27.11.2000, *inter alia*, seeks to provide for readjustment and rationalization of the seats without altering their number allotted to each State in the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of the States which may possibly result in overall increase of the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes presently allotted to them.

Grant provided to Rajasthan

† 449. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant provided to the Government of Rajasthan in the Financial year 1999-2000 and 2000- 2001 by his Ministry and details of the heads, programmes and any specific Field for which the said grant has been provided; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent in time the account of expenditure incurred by them regarding the above amount to the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary has been in operation since 1993-94. Under this scheme the concerned State Government provides at least 50% matching share against the amount released by the Central Government. Till date, an amount of Rs. 2037.03 lakhs has been released to the Government of Rajasthan. This includes and amount of Rs. 249.47 lakhs released during the year 1999-2000 and Rs. 341.03 lakhs released during 2000-01. The Amount has been released under Demand No. 58, in Major Head 3601 Grants-in-aid to State Governments.

(b) So far, the Government of Rajasthan has furnished Utilisation Certificates to the tune of Rs. 3587.26 lakhs.

Extension to National Commission to Review Constitution

450. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the term of the National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution;

(b) if so, how much extension was given;

(c) whether the Chairman of the Commission had sought extension;

(d) if not, the reasons for extending unilaterally by Government;

(e) the amount, so far, spent on the above Commission;

(0 the work turned out by the above Commission, so far; and

(g) whether Government will take steps to wind up the Commission in view of the Chairman not seeking extension?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRJ ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Commission's term has been extended upto 31st October, 2001.

(c) and (d) The Commission indicated that it would need some more time for finalizing its report.

(e) Approximately Rs. 90 Lakhs.